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Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 44th meeting, on 16 November 2004, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49 entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar". The programme budget implications of the draft resolution were presented to the Committee in document A/C.3/59/L.76 and are reproduced below for the consideration of the Fifth Committee.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and people of Myanmar, including all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process in Myanmar;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable his Special Envoy for Myanmar, as well as to the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, to discharge their mandate fully and effectively;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

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B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

3. The requests set out above relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 1, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3, Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities, of programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised.[1]

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. In his report to the General Assembly (A/59/269), the Secretary-General indicated that the citizens of Myanmar had endured unnecessary social and economic hardship because of the absence of an all-inclusive process of democratization and national reconciliation in their country and that their predicament had been compounded by economic policies that had prevented the majority of them from improving their livelihoods. He reiterated his determination to underscore the United Nations system's parallel commitment to investing in Myanmar's long-term future, within the existing constraints, by enhancing the scale and scope of its social and humanitarian engagement with people and communities across the country. The Secretary-General pointed out that he remained committed to taking further appropriate steps to underpin progress, in partnership with the international community, in the event that sustainable progress towards democratization and national reconciliation occurred.

5. Consistent with the requests contained in operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49, the good offices of the Secretary-General would be continued in 2005 in pursuit of his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and people of Myanmar, as well as all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process. The good offices of the Secretary-General would be carried out through his Special Envoy for Myanmar, and the progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session.

D. Estimated resource requirements

6. The estimated costs of continuing the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Envoy for Myanmar, as requested in paragraphs 4 (a) and (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2005, amount to $252,400 net ($294,900 gross). Of that amount, $6,200 would be met from the unencumbered balance against the appropriation for 2004. Thus the overall requirements for the Special Envoy for 2005, after taking into account the unencumbered balance, amount to $246,200 net ($288,700 gross).

7. Those resources would cover the salaries of the Special Envoy, to be engaged on a when-actually-employed basis, and of a local staff member who would provide support to the Special Envoy; the official travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar and neighbouring countries, as well as to Europe and North America, including

United Nations Headquarters; the services of a consultant; and miscellaneous services in support of the mission. Other substantive and administrative support would be provided to the Special Envoy by the Department of Political Affairs. (For a cost breakdown of those activities, see the annex to the present statement.)

8. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 4 (b) of the draft resolution regarding assistance to the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature. Provisions for activities of this nature have already been included in the programme budget for the current biennium under section 24, Human rights (A/58/6 (Sect. 24)).

E. Action required by the General Assembly

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49, a total of $252,400 net ($294,900 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2005 for the continuation of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar, of which $6,200 would be met from the existing appropriation. Thus the additional resource requirements would amount to $246,200 net ($288,700 gross).**

10. **It should be noted that, for the purposes of a consolidated presentation of resource requirements as requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/57/7/Add.17, para. 5), the requirements of the Special Envoy for Myanmar for 2005 are also presented in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1), currently under consideration by the General Assembly.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

Annex

Breakdown of costs associated with draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.49

Civilian personnel costs

Estimate: $102,600

1. The provision of $102,600 in general temporary assistance would cover the salary of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General at the Under-Secretary-General level on a when-actually-employed basis for a maximum period of 210 days in 2005 at the daily rate of $477, and the salary of one General Service (Local level) staff member for an aggregate period of three months to assist the Special Envoy as and when required.

Operational costs

Estimate: $149,800

Consultants

2. In carrying out the good offices role, the Special Envoy would require the services of consultants to analyse the implications of the seven-step road map announced by the Government of Myanmar in August 2003, with emphasis on the legal procedures and guidelines for the reconvening of the National Convention and the drafting of a new Constitution, to study other road maps suggested by various outside parties for the democratic transition of Myanmar, and to formulate recommendations that the Special Envoy can present to the Government of Myanmar and other parties involved in order to facilitate the process of democratic transition. Accordingly, an amount of $48,500 is requested to provide for the fees and travel of a consultant for an aggregate period of six months.

Official travel

3. A provision of $95,600 is made for the official travel of the Special Envoy to United Nations Headquarters, Myanmar, other countries in the region, Europe and North America for briefings, representation and consultations. In addition, provision has been made for the travel of a political affairs officer to travel with the Special Envoy on his missions as required. The requirements for travel, including airfare, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses, have been estimated on the basis of 23 individual trips of varying duration.

Communications

4. An amount of $2,100 is requested to cover the cost of commercial communications, including long-distance telephone calls, facsimile charges, diplomatic pouch and postage.

Other supplies, services and equipment

5. Provision in the amount of $3,600 is made for miscellaneous office supplies and services.

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International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings

International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings

Programme budget implications arising from the decision of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee at its 27th meeting of 19 November 2004

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At the 27th meeting, on 19 November 2004, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee made a statement proposing that the Committee establish a working group to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning, on the basis of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.26, and to report to the Sixth Committee during the current session.

2. In that connection, at the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the administrative and budgetary implications of the proposal of the Chairman (see A/C.6/59/SR.27), following which, on the basis of the proposal, the Committee decided without a vote to establish a working group.

II. Request contained in the proposal of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

3. In connection with that decision, the General Assembly would:

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(a) Decide to establish a working group to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning;

(b) Decide that the working group would meet on 14, 15 and 18 February 2005 and that the Sixth Committee would meet in the afternoon of 18 February 2005 to consider and take action on the report of the working group.

III. Relationship of the request to the programme of work

4. The request arising from the decision is related to: (a) subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law, of programme 5, Legal affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 as revised;[1] and (b) section 8, Legal affairs, and section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.[2]

IV. Activities by which the request would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly endorse the decision, the activities required for the implementation of the request would be as follows: the Sixth Committee would meet on 14, 15 and 18 February 2005. There would be five meetings of the working group and one formal meeting of the Sixth Committee. The formal meeting would require simultaneous interpretation and summary records in all six languages of the United Nations. The five meetings of the working group would require simultaneous interpretation in all six languages and 20 pages of pre-session, 16 pages of in-session and 10 pages of post-session documentation to be issued in all languages.

V. Additional requirements

6. The conference-servicing requirements, at full cost, for the one formal meeting to be held on 18 February 2005 would entail an estimated additional amount of $37,500 (at 2004-2005 rates) under section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

VI. Potential for absorption

7. As concerns the five meetings of the working group in February 2005, the conference-servicing requirements, at full cost, are estimated at $128,600 (at 2004-2005 rates).

8. It is understood that those meetings would be held in lieu of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on an international convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings, which has already been programmed in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2004-2005. Therefore, on this basis, no additional appropriation would be required to service the five meetings of the working group.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* and corrigendum (A/57/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1).

[2] A/58/6 (Sect. 8) and A/58/6 (Sect. 2).

VII. Contingency fund

9. It will be recalled that under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Summary

10. **In summary, the implications of the proposals contained in the decision of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee at its 27th meeting on 19 November 2004 for the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 would be as follows:**

(a) **No additional provision would be required for the servicing of the five-day session of the working group in February 2005;**

(b) **An additional appropriation of $37,500 (at 2004-2005 rates), as a charge against the contingency fund, would be required in respect of the one formal meeting of the Sixth Committee anticipated for 18 February 2005.**

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Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31 as orally revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 44th meeting, on 16 November 2004, the Third Committee adopted a draft resolution entitled "International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families" (A/C.3/59/L.31, as orally revised). At the time of adoption of the draft resolution, the Third Committee was provided with a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.3/59/L.63).

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31, the General Assembly would welcome the establishment of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, as well as the report of its first session,[1] which took place from 1 to 5 March 2004, and takes note of the rules of procedure adopted by the Committee.

3. Paragraph 8 of the report of the Committee states that the Committee decided to request the Secretary-General to arrange two sessions for the Committee in 2005, one in July and one in October. Each session would be of one week's duration. This arrangement would replace a three-week session, which had been initially programmed in the budgetary estimates prepared before the establishment of the Committee, only for 2005. The sessions of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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II. Relationship of the proposed request to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

4. The activities to be carried out would relate to programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

III. Modification of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

5. In order to reflect the provisions of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31, in the narrative of subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of section 24 of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, the first subparagraph of paragraph 24.43 (a) (x), on the Committee on the Protection of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, would be modified to read as follows:

"a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary meetings (50)".

IV. Estimates of resource requirements

6. The full cost of the activities envisaged under the terms of this decision would amount to $891,300 in the biennium 2004-2005. The total cost of the three-week session in 2005 as currently approved by the General Assembly would amount to $1,120,400. The arrangement of two one-week sessions would result in the following:

(a) Additional requirements for travel of the Committee members in the amount of $12,200, which is anticipated to be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for the biennium under section 24, Human rights;

(b) Estimated savings of $238,100 and $3,200 under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, respectively, of the programme budget for the biennium.

7. The actual savings resulting from the reduction of conference-servicing requirements will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 2 and section 29E, respectively.

V. Summary

8. **The adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.31, as orally revised, would not give rise to any additional requirements under the programme budget for 2004-2005. The actual savings resulting from the reduction of conference-servicing requirements will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2004-2005.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 48* (A/59/48).

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Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Rights of the child

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

By paragraphs 9 and 51 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1 adopted by the Third Committee, the General Assembly would, respectively, welcome the efforts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to reform its working methods and decide to request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights.

Implementation of the terms of the above decisions would entail additional requirements totalling $1,622,200 (gross) under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, section 24, Human rights, section 29E, Administration, Geneva, and section 34, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. This would represent a charge to the contingency fund and would therefore require additional appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005.

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1. At its 52nd meeting, on 23 November 2004, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 170 to 2, with 3 abstentions. Statements of programme budget implications of the draft resolution were submitted to the Committee in documents A/C.3/59/L.82 and A/C.3/59/82/Add.1, the contents of which are reproduced below for consideration by the Fifth Committee.

I. Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/C.3/59/L.82/Add.1)

A. Introduction

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, the General Assembly would welcome the efforts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to reform its working methods so as to consider the reports of States parties in a timely manner, including by the proposal to work in two chambers, as an exceptional and temporary measure, for a period of two years, in order to clear the backlog of reports, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution, and would urge the Committee to continue to review its working methods in order to enhance its efficiency and to assess progress after two years, also taking into account the wider context of treaty body reform.

3. The related decision of the Committee on the Rights of the Child is contained in its report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.[1] Under the terms of its decision, the Committee will consider the reports of States parties in two parallel chambers, each consisting of nine members of the Committee, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution, thereby increasing the number of States parties' reports to be examined from 27 to 48 a year.

4. At its thirty-seventh session, in September 2004, the Committee reaffirmed its decision adopted at its thirty-fourth session and agreed that it should be implemented from the pre-sessional working group for its forty-first session, which would take place from 3 to 7 October 2005. During 2006, the Committee would meet for two weeks of each three-week session in parallel working groups and in parallel working groups for the duration of each of its three one-week pre-sessional working groups.

5. In paragraph 51 (d) of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to invite the Chairman of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to present an oral report on the work of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

B. Relationship of the proposed request to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

6. The activities to be carried out would relate to programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

C. Modification of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

7. In order to reflect the provisions of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, the narrative of subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, paragraph 24.43 (viii), Committee on the Rights of the Child, would be modified to read as follows:

"(a) Substantive servicing of meetings: pre-sessional working group (70)"

D. Estimates of resource requirements

8. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution would entail requirements for the biennium 2004-2005, as detailed in table 1 below. These requirements would need to be met through additional appropriations by the General Assembly.

Table 1
Additional regular budget requirements
(United States dollars)

	2005	*2006*
Section 2. General Assembly affairs and conference services		
Conference services	484 900	3 878 700
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva		
Sound technician	2 400	21 600
Section 24. Human rights		
General temporary assistance	214 900	214 900
Grand total	**702 200**	**4 115 200**

9. The total full cost of the additional regular budget requirements for 2006 is $4,115,200, as shown in the table above. It is anticipated that these requirements will be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

10. The implementation of the request contained in operative paragraph 51 (d) of the draft resolution would entail a requirement of $3,000. It is envisaged that this requirement would be funded from extrabudgetary resources.

II. Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (A/C.3/59/L.82)

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

11. Under operative paragraph 51 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide to request the Special Representative of the

Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights and to ensure that they contain relevant, accurate and objective information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, taking into account the views of Member States and the outcome document adopted by the General Assembly at its special session on children and bearing in mind existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies.

B. Background

12. In its resolution 51/77 of 12 December 1996, the General Assembly recommended that the Secretary-General appoint for a period of three years a Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children. The Assembly also called upon States and institutions concerned to provide voluntary contributions in support of the work of the Special Representative. The Secretary-General appointed the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict in September 1997. The scope of responsibilities of the Special Representative was described in documents A/51/306 and Add.1.

13. On 6 January 1998, the Secretary-General established the Trust Fund for Children and Armed Conflict. As start-up contributions to the Trust Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provided $100,000 and $50,000, respectively. Since its inception, the Office of the Special Representative has been financed by voluntary contributions.

14. In paragraph 37 of its resolution 51/77, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative to submit to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights an annual report containing relevant information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, bearing in mind existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies. Since 1996, in a number of its resolutions, the General Assembly has reiterated this request, while welcoming the continuing support for and voluntary contributions to the work of the Special Representative in the fulfilment of his mandate.

15. In its resolutions 54/149 of 17 December 1999, and 57/190 of 18 December 2002, the General Assembly recommended that the Secretary-General extend the mandate of the Special Representative for a further period of three years. In paragraph 3 of resolution 57/190, the Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the scope and effectiveness of the United Nations system response, including recommendations for strengthening, mainstreaming, integrating and sustaining those activities.

16. In its resolution 58/245 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly decided that the activities under the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict would be supported through regular budget funding. Before the adoption of that resolution, the Fifth Committee had decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the resolution, any appropriations necessary would be considered in the context of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General in pursuance of section V of General Assembly resolution 57/190 (see A/58/652).

17. The report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the United Nations system response to children affected by armed conflict (A/59/331) was issued on 3 September 2004. In that report, the Secretary-General provided, inter alia, recommendations for strengthening the United Nations system response to children affected by armed conflict.

C. Current administrative and financial situation

18. As stated in paragraph 70 of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General, more recently, donors have not been contributing funds and the available resources are expected to be exhausted by the end of 2004. Therefore, it is not expected that sufficient extrabudgetary resources will be available to maintain the Office of the Special Representative beyond 31 December 2004.

19. Based on the most recent expenditure data, it is estimated that, at the end of 2004, the balance of extrabudgetary resources for children and armed conflict activities would amount to approximately $690,000, including some $540,000 contributed and earmarked for specific activities. The balance of unearmarked resources as at 31 December 2004 would amount to $150,000. It is not possible at this stage to provide a definitive estimate of voluntary contributions for 2005. It could, however, be determined that the Office would not have sufficient extrabudgetary resources to operate through 2005.

D. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

20. The continuation of reporting to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, requested in paragraph 51 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, falls under the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, namely paragraph 37 of General Assembly resolution 51/77. Since the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/190, extended the mandate of the Special Representative for a further period of three years, necessary support is to be provided for effective performance of his mandate for one more year. In this regard, necessary resources should be identified in order to further maintain in 2005 the Office of the Special Representative, which has been responsible, inter alia, for the preparation of these reports for the past six years.

E. Administrative and financial arrangements and indication of additional requirements

21. The annual cost of the activities of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict is estimated at $950,000 net of staff assessment. In accordance with the new streamlined structure specified in the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment (A/59/331), the Office would comprise, in addition to the post of the Special Representative, a staff of four Professionals, including a Senior Adviser (P-5); two Professional staff (P-4) responsible for day-to-day relations with United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations, as well as for assisting in the preparation of reports; one Professional staff member (P-3) responsible for outreach and public information

and three support staff (1 General Service (Principal level) and 2 General Service (Other level)). The cost of these eight temporary posts would amount to $750,000. The Office of the Special Representative would also be provided with adequate resources to cover field visits and other cooperation and coordination trips, consultancies and other office operations, commensurate with the streamlined structure and functions ($200,000). Table 2 below provides information on the estimated resource requirements by object of expenditure.

Table 2
Resource requirements for 2005

	United States dollars
Staff salaries	750 000
Supplementary conference services	10 000
Other personnel services	8 000
Consultants and experts	55 000
Travel	45 000
Contractual services	30 000
Hospitality	2 000
Operating expenses	25 000
Supplies and materials	5 000
Furniture and equipment	20 000
Total	**950 000**

22. The balance of unearmarked extrabudgetary resources of $150,000 indicated in paragraph 19 above would be sufficient to cover the operational requirements of the Office, such as consultancies, travel, contractual services and part of the operating expenses. In order to maintain the Office through December 2005, the additional provision of $800,000 (net) would need to be funded from the regular budget for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination. In addition, it is estimated that $120,000 would be required under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income from staff assessment. Any possibility of further reducing the proposed regular budget financing through additional extrabudgetary resources could only be defined at a later stage, upon availability of further information on potential sources of voluntary contributions. Subject to the review of the mandate of the Special Representative by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, funding of the Office beyond 2005 would be contingent upon availability of voluntary contributions.

III. Potential for absorption in the biennium 2004-2005

23. There are no resources provided under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 that could be made available to implement the requests contained in paragraphs 9 and 51 (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1 for the support of the efforts of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to reform its working methods and for the operations of the Office of the Special Representative

of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict in the biennium 2004-2005. Any amount that the General Assembly may decide to allocate for these activities would need, therefore, to be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005 in the context of operations of the contingency fund.

IV. Contingency fund

24. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

25. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, section 24, Human rights, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the current biennium in order to meet the related additional requirements.

V. Summary

26. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1, additional resource requirements of $1,622,200,000 (gross) would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as detailed in table 3 below. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require a related increase in appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005. The provision under section 34, Staff assessment ($120,000), would be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**

Table 3
Additional resource requirements, 2004-2005

	United States dollars
Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	800 000
Section 2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	484 900
Section 24. Human rights	214 900
Section 29E. Administration, Geneva	2 400
Section 34. Staff assessment	120 000
Total	**1 622 200**

27. **The requirements of $4,115,200 for 2006 in connection with the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 41* (A/59/41), para. 26; see also chap. I.C.